



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Update: Fire Management Assistant Grant Approved for Dirty Face Fire

FEMA approved a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant yesterday. Under the grant FEMA will reimburse back to the State 75% of the costs associated with the fire. Federal fire management assistance is made available by FEMA to manage, mitigate and control fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. The assistance covers eligible state firefighting costs, including expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

Firefighters estimate that the Dirty Face Fire is approximately 20% contained and that 965 acres have burned. The fire is burning approximately 25 miles northwest of Leavenworth, in Chelan County.

Several structure engines were demobilized late this morning and replaced with wildland engines. The wildland engines are much more adapt to the terrain where the structures are located.

Creating a defensible space around your home is a must for residents living in a potential wild land fire area. The following are the 10 steps to defensible space:

- Thin tree and brush cover.
- Dispose of slash and debris left from thinning.
- Remove dead limbs, leaves and other litter.
- Stack firewood away from home.
- Maintain irrigated green belt around the home.
- Mow dry grasses and weeds.
- Prune branches to 10 feet above the ground.
- Trim branches.
- Clean roof and gutters.
- Reduce density of surrounding forest.

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